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Petition to Accept New Declaration  
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.64(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Two attempts have been made to obtain signature from Chiao-Ping Ku on the new Declaration in the above-referenced application. The new Declaration deletes the reference claiming priority to Provisional Application No. 60/078,625, which was included in the original application in error.

Enclosed please find a copy of a certified letter and the receipt signed for by Chiao-Ping Ku on March 2, 2001. A second attempt to obtain signature was made via Express Mail on March 22, 2001. Enclosed is a copy of the letter sent to Chiao-Ping Ku along with a copy of the Express Mail receipt.

Applicants respectfully request acceptance of this new Declaration as signed by all other inventors on behalf of themselves and the nonsigning inventor. The petition fee of \$130.00 as set forth in C.F.R. § 1.17(h) is submitted herewith.

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The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative if a telephone interview would expedite acceptance of the newly signed Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

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A prima facie case of unpatentability is established when the information compels a conclusion that a claim is unpatentable under the preponderance of evidence, burden-of-proof standard, giving each term in the claim its broadest reasonable construction consistent with the specification, and before any consideration is given to evidence which may be submitted in an attempt to establish a contrary conclusion of patentability.

(c) Individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application within the meaning of this section are:

(1) Each inventor named in the application:

(2) Each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and

(3) Every other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application.

(d) Individuals other than the attorney, agent or inventor may comply with this section by disclosing information to the attorney, agent, or inventor.